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Sidney Coal Company Receives Award for Mine Reclamation from Department for Natural Resources

Annual award recognizes outstanding reclamation efforts

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 28, 2013) – The Department for Natural Resources presented a 2013 Award for Excellence in Reclamation to Sidney Coal Company for its outstanding reclamation work on permit No. 867-0570. This operation is a 437-acre surface contour and auger mining operation located near the community of Belfry in Pike County.

The company has successfully established a beneficial post mining land use of “fish and wildlife habitat,” which should prove very useful to wildlife in the local community for many years. The company’s successful reclamation activity on this surface mining operation closely followed a specific set of plans specifically developed for the site and a Phase 1 bond release was awarded this year.

The site was nominated by Division of Mine Reclamation and Enforcement (DMRE) Pikeville Regional Office inspection personnel and selected by the Department because of the company’s outstanding reclamation work and its commitment to a healthy environment. DMRE inspection staff assigned to this site has included Jerry Overstreet, Jerry Taylor, Gene Blackburn, Randall Ousley, Greg Charles, Brian Tussey, Todd Belcher, Jolene Crawford, Randall Watts and Charles Holbrook.

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